



VISUAL ARTS
MISSISSAUGA
at RIVERWOOD

Now Hiring: **Summer Camp Visual Art Instructors (June-August)**

About Visual Arts Mississauga (VAM):

Founded in 1977, Visual Arts Mississauga (VAM) is a not-for-profit charitable organization and the City of Mississauga's largest fine arts organization. Our mission is to enrich community life by fostering an appreciation of the visual arts through education, exhibition, and engagement, while enhancing the vitality of the artistic community. For over 45 years, VAM has offered affordable and educational classes, workshops, art camps, and exhibitions that inspire creativity.

Position Overview:

VAM is seeking enthusiastic Visual Art Instructors to teach during our Summer Art Camp (June 17 – August 28, 2026). This is a rewarding opportunity for dynamic, creative educators passionate about art and child development.

Key Responsibilities:

Summer Art Camp

- Plan and deliver engaging visual art lessons for children aged 6–13, based on weekly themes.
- Prep and facilitate a variety of pre-determined creative art projects in media such as watercolour, acrylic, pastel, collage, dry media, and printmaking.
- Supervise and manage a group of up to 16-17 campers in an art studio setting, ensuring a safe, inclusive, and fun environment.
- Mentor and guide teen volunteers, ensuring they contribute effectively to camp activities.
- Lead games, activities, and supervise outdoor play, ensuring campers stay within designated areas.
- Maintain art supplies, prepare studios, and assist with clean-up.
- Communicate daily with the Program Coordinator, fellow instructors, and parents as needed.

Qualifications:

- Post-secondary education or relevant training in Visual Arts, Education, or a related field preferred.
- Experience in delivering art instruction for children, with proven ability to manage and engage large groups effectively.

- Proficiency in various artistic media including watercolour, acrylics, pastel, printmaking, collage, and drawing. Experience with clay or digital media is an asset.
- Strong classroom management, leadership, and organizational skills.
- Excellent communication skills with a positive, enthusiastic approach
- Ability to work independently and as part of a collaborative team.
- Energetic, resourceful, and capable of problem-solving in dynamic settings.
- Demonstrated commitment to safety, inclusion, and child development principles.

Requirements:

- Valid Police Vulnerable Sector Check (required prior to start date).
- **Current First Aid Certification** or willingness to obtain before camp begins.
- Completion of **High Five Principles of Healthy Child Development** training (to be provided if needed).
- Availability for the entire duration of the Summer Art Camp contract (see below)
- This position is supported through the **Canada Summer Jobs Program**. In accordance with program requirements, applicants must be between the ages of **18 and 30** at the start of employment and legally entitled to work in Canada.

Additional Information:

- Summer Art Camp Hours: **June – August, 38.75 hours per week** (Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 4:45 pm).
- Training and program-specific support will be provided (June 17-July 3, 2026)
- Visual Arts Mississauga (VAM) is committed to fostering an inclusive, equitable, and accessible environment where all individuals feel welcomed, respected, and valued. **We encourage applications from youth of diverse backgrounds, including those who identify as Indigenous, Black, racialized, persons with disabilities, 2SLGBTQ+, and individuals from equity-deserving communities.**

Why Join VAM?

- Gain valuable teaching experience in a dynamic and supportive environment.
- Be part of a team that inspires creativity and enriches the lives of children through art and fosters an appreciation for visual arts in the community.

How to Apply: Interested candidates are invited to submit their **resume** and a **cover letter** outlining their qualifications and experience to **Nasrin Gilbert**, Executive Director at execdirector@visualartsmississauga.com

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